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CHER CHEE being duly sworn with the assistance of the Interpreter WONG YU of ANGAU gives the following evidence:

I am a Chinese and was residing at HONG KONG and was captured there by the Japanese in December, 1941. I was taken from HONG KONG to CANTON and from there to SAIGON. From there I went to Batavia and then to SOURABAYA. From there I went to SINGAPORE and then to RABAUL and then to TULAGI. In November, 1942, I was brought to BUIN area, and remained there until the war finished. I was a member of a labour party attached to the TANAKA battalion. In April or May, 1943, I was engaged in road making. About that time one of the Chinese became sick and was unable to work. I do not know what his name was.

Three or four of the guards took this man tied his thumb together behind his back and pulled him up with a block and tackle attached to his thumbs until he was off the ground. They left him like that for 20 minutes. They then took him down and he died, within a few minutes. I saw all this myself. About ten Chinese witnessed this incident. This took place about one mile from KAHILI, on the read. The guards used to be changed each day and the perpetrators of this incident were guarding us for this day only. The guards were private soldiers. I would not be able to identify them again. They were members of the TANAKA Battalion. Other Chinese took the body away to bury it.

Soon after this event another Chinese whose name I do not know was sick with fever. Allied planes came over BUIN and this Chinese was sick and frightened and made a noise. One of the guards went away and came back with two or three other Japanese. These men were private soldiers of the TANAKA Battalion I heard them order some Chinese to dig a hole. Some Chinese went away and I heard them digging. When the Chinese came back they told me that the Chinese who was sick and had made a noise had been buried alive. I did not actually witness this. The sick man was quartered in a hut half a mile away and most of what I know of this incident is hearsay.

Some time in 1944 I was employed with other Chinese in felling trees to make a bridge over a small stream in a garden near the Mission Station at MUGUAI. After we had chopped a tree down the bridge was built. We told the guard that the tree was too heavy for two men to carry. The guard wrote the order in Chinese and we replied verbally in Chinese. The guard belonged to a unit the number of which was 4801. They were guarding No. 76 Hospital. Three of the guard struck me in the face with their open hand for about five minutes. They knocked twelve teeth out. They were all good strong teeth. There was only the other Chinese present. They then struck CHANG KOW YE, the other Chinaman in the same way but not so severely.

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About April or May, 1943, near KAHILI a Chinese living in the same hut as me had been sick for four or five days and couldn't work. One of the Japanese guards told him that he was all right and was only trying to get out of work, The sick han was lying down and the guard poured a quantity of water down his throat until his stemach was swelled up. After this the guard brought two more Japanese and they place a board across the sick man's stemach while he was lying on the ground and one guard sat on each end of the board. The pressure made the water come back out of the man's mouth. A quantity of water came out of his mouth and a few minutes later he died. I do not know the name of this Chinese. The guards were privates of the TANAKA Battalion I do not know the names of the Japanese but I could recognise the guard who poured water. Four Chinese carried the body away for burial.

In this Field this 3rd. day of October, 1945.

Signature of Witness.

Examined by me with the original affidavit in the Australian Army War Crimes Registry at Melbeurne. The original was signed in Chinese Character and certified by the Interpreter.

(sgd) R. B. LAMPELt-Col.

I certify that this is a true copy of the original.

(Sgd) R. B. Lamba. Lt-Col. 17 April, 1946

This is the copy statement marked "R.S.L.6" referred to in the Affidavit of Lt. Col. KICHARD BEVIS LAMBE hereunto annexed, sworn before me this 18th day of April, 1946.

(sgd) E. L.,(?)..... Commissioner for Oaths.

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CHER CHEE on his former cath and with the assistance of the Interpreter LAURIE CHAN of ANGAU give the following evidence:-

In May, 1943, near RUIN I saw a white man dressed in overalls like a Pilot would wear. He was a young man. The Japanese tied his hands behind his back, and made him sit on the ground. They put a drum of boiling water beside him. About nine of them then filed past him and each one emptied a tin of boiling water over

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ground and lie still and he stopped screaming. He appeared to me to be dead. The Japanese were soldiers not officers. The white man was tall, of medium build, clean-shaven and fair. The overalls were khaki. I was the only Chinese who witnessed this.

There are Chinese in this Compound who can give evidence of about 300 white men who were either killed by the Japanese or died while they were held as prisoners on Shortlands Islands.

5 Oct. 1945.

Signature of Witness.

Examined by me with the original Affidavit in this War Crimes Regustry at Australian Army Headquarters at Melbourne. The original was signed in Chinese Characters and certified by the Interpreter.

I certify that the above is a true copy of the original.

(Sed) B. B. LAMBE Lt.-Col. A.Q.G. War Crimes H.Q. A.L.F.S.E.A.

17th April, 1946.

This is the copy statement marked "R.S.L'.7" referred to in the Affidavit of Lt.Col. RICHARD BEVIS LAMBE hereunto annexed, sworn before me this 18th day of April, 1946.

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